

**484C.8 Requirements for releasing whitetail — property interests.**

A person shall not release whitetail kept as preserve whitetail onto land unless the landowner complies with all of the following:

1. The landowner must notify the department at least thirty days prior to first releasing the preserve whitetail on the land. The notice shall be provided in a manner required by the department. The notice must at least provide all of the following:

a. A statement verifying that the fence which encloses the land is certified by the department pursuant to [section 484C.6](#).

b. The landowner's name.

c. The location of the land enclosed by the fence.

2. The landowner shall cooperate with the department to remove any whitetail from the enclosed land. However, after the thirtieth day following receipt of the notice, the state shall relinquish its property interest in any remaining whitetail that the landowner and the department were unable to remove from the enclosed land. Any remaining whitetail existing at that time on the enclosed land, and any progeny of the whitetail, shall become preserve whitetail and property of the landowner.

3. A hunting preserve may include whitetail which were regulated as farm deer by the department of agriculture and land stewardship pursuant to [chapter 170](#) and transported to the hunting preserve. The whitetail shall be considered farm deer until released onto the hunting preserve. Once released onto the hunting preserve, the whitetail and its progeny become preserve whitetail and are subject to regulation by the department of natural resources.

[2005 Acts, ch 139, §21](#)